

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. An improved computer keyboard arrangement, which functions to allow a user to conveniently type graphic symbols, the arrangement comprising: a traditional computer keyboard enhanced to include at least one additional horizontal row of keys across a top portion thereof that bears said graphic symbols thereupon for typing said graphic symbols,

said graphic symbols appearing upon a computer monitor linked to the device, said graphic symbols represent previously determined words and phrases to facilitate on-line communications in an interactive global computer network, the keyboard manufactured in such a manner as to allow a user to interchange keys bearing graphic symbols, functioning to allow the user to place keys used most commonly in convenient positions for typing,

the keys further bearing removable identifying labels thereupon, said labels interchangeable in nature to allow the user to place said labels upon keys with previously assigned graphic symbols used most commonly in convenient positions for typing,

the improved keyboard comprising at least one row of said graphic symbols grouped together and relating to a previously determined theme, the improved keyboard bearing indicia thereon and generally multi-colored in appearance,

the graphic symbols selected from the group consisting of facial expressions, men, women, boys, girls, and infants engaged in multiple previously determined activities, animals, fictional characters, food and drink items, trees and flowers, tools and equipment, vehicles, toys, sporting goods items, clothing items, furniture items, items relating to nature, space, and the environment, used to represent thoughts and feelings of the user, the improved keyboard functioning to allow for facilitated communication among computer users in global computer network chat rooms, local area network forums, and inter-office messages.

2. The improved computer keyboard arrangement as described in claim 1, wherein the improved keyboard includes at least one row of said graphic symbols readily identifiable by children.

3. The improved computer keyboard arrangement as described in claim 1, wherein the improved keyboard includes at least one row of graphic symbols intended for mature adults only.

4. An improved computer keyboard arrangement, which functions to allow a user to conveniently type graphic symbols, the arrangement comprising: a traditional computer keyboard; and an auxiliary keyboard removably affixed to the traditional keyboard, and retrofitted to previously existing keyboards, the auxiliary keyboard including at least one row of keys that bear graphic symbols thereupon for typing said symbols, said symbols appearing upon a computer monitor, the auxiliary keyboard manufactured in such a manner as to allow a user to interchange keys bearing graphic symbols, functioning to allow the user to place keys used most commonly in convenient

positions for typing, the auxiliary keyboard keys further bearing removable identifying labels thereupon, said labels interchangeable in nature to allow the user to place keys used most commonly in convenient positions for typing, the keyboard bearing indicia thereon and generally multi-colored in appearance.